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1. AMB JOHNSON BRIEFED JAPANESE AMB USHIBA MORNING
JUNE 21 ON TWO AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIETS REGARDING
NUCLEAR MATTERS WHICH SCHEDULED FOR SIGNATURE LATER
SAME DAY.

2. ON SALT, AMB JOHNSON BASED STATEMENTS
ON BRIEFING PAPER (BEING POUCHED EMBASSY) WHICH DESCRIBED
SEVEN PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED BY
PRESIDENT NIXON AND GENERAL SECY BREZHNEV. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT WHILE THESE ARE MERELY PRINCIPLES, IT IS OUR HOPE
THAT COMMITMENT OF BOTH SIDES AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL
TO SERIES OF BASIC PRINCIPLES WILL ENCOURAGE PROGRESS IN
SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN AN AGREED FRAMEWORK OF UNDER-
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STANDING.

3. AMB JOHNSON ADDED THAT SAME BRIEFING BEING GIVEN NATO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THAT PURPOSE OF INFORMING JAPANESE WAS TO ASSURE THEM THAT THERE NOTHING IN DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD AFFECT JAPANESE INTERESTS. HE ALSO ASSURED USHIBA THAT US HAD NOT YIELDED ANY GROUND ON FORWARD BASE ISSUE AND THAT DRAFT CONTAINS NOTHING INJURIOUS TO OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. AMB STRESSED THAT IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT WAS TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS IN SALT WELL BEFORE EXPIRATION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT.

4. AMB THEN DESCRIBED SECOND DOCUMENT, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, AS BASICALLY AN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT TO COVER WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOING WITH SOVIETS. HE MADE POINT THAT WE WANTED JAPANESE UNDERSTAND LIMITED NATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND NOT TO INTERPRET IT AS COVERING MORE THAN IT DOES. HE NOTED THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER SPECULATION, AGREEMENT DID NOT CALL FOR EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY ON FUEL ENRICHMENT. SEPTTEL PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS THIS AGREEMENT. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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